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The Honorable Representative Tammy Baldwin

Dear Congresswoman Baldwin,

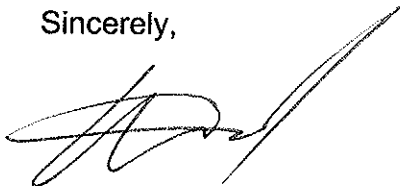
I am pleased to submit, on behalf of the Badger Interim Oversight Management Commission (IOMC) a request for a congressional appropriation of funding to support a potentially critical function of the IOMC, i.e. the strategic planning of Commission priorities. As you well know, the Badger IOMC is the direct outgrowth of the Badger Reuse Plan, which specifically called for the creation of a body to represent the interests of future owners of Badger, local units of government and legitimate community stakeholders. The Badger Interim Oversight Commission was established in 2005 as an intergovernmental commission under Wisconsin statutes, and has met regularly since then to discuss issues of mutual concern as they relate to the ownership, management and future operations of the Badger property.

The IOMC has attempted to address a number of critical issues, including groundwater contamination and its local impacts, building and infrastructure demolition, facility planning and development, and the establishment of special use covenants, i.e. for rail transportation and utility corridors. The IOMC has also served as the coordinator for events involving Badger such as the 2008 Smithsonian Exhibit, "Between Fences" which provided bus tours of Badger for hundreds of Sauk County residents and visitors, and ongoing ecological restoration activities. The IOMC will continue to provide Wisconsin and citizens with opportunities to learn about Badger and the Sauk Prairie, to engage in Badger-related events and to contribute to the realization of the Badger Reuse Plan. But these efforts will be most effective if they are directed toward achieving the IOMC's most critical goals. At this point in the IOMC's evolution, a facilitated strategic planning process is required to assist the IOMC in establishing a consensus as to what those priorities should be.

This appropriations request is intended to help secure funding to engage the services of a professional facilitator. Sauk County has had positive experiences with facilitated planning processes, and with your help in 1999 was able to hire expert facilitators to conduct the successful process that resulted in the **Final Report of the Badger Reuse Committee**. We are confident that a facilitated strategic planning process would be a great help to the Badger IOMC in moving the Badger Reuse Plan implementation to the next level. We appreciate any help you can provide in placing this request before the appropriate subcommittee for approval this fiscal year.

Thanks, as always, for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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William Wenzel, Chair
Badger Interim Oversight Management Commission